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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 03/27/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Upon further review of the elected claims, it is the Examiner's position that pending independent claims 1, 7 and 13 do not read on the elected species represented by Fig. 3. Specifically, independent claims 1, 7 and 13 require either a projectile or bullet deceleration area. Only the embodiment disclosed in Fig. 1 is capable of *decelerating* a bullet. The remaining species merely stop a bullet. Stopping a bullet is not the same as decelerating a bullet. Moreover, the features of Figure 1 are not disclosed as being part of any other species. This nonresponsive was given to the applicant so that an amendment can be made to bring the claims in compliance rather than face a rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph in which the Examiner will most certainly request the manner in which the elected species decelerates a projectile or bullet. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

## Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Troy Chambers whose telephone number is (571) 272-6874 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., M-F. If attempts to reach the

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examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael J. Carone, can be reached at (571) 272-6873.

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